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# **Dundee Partnership** **Community Regeneration Fund**

## **Grant Application** **2024/25**

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
<b>Name of Applicant Group</b>	North East CET
<b>Activity Title</b>	Cost of Living Activities
<b>Grant Requested (£)</b>	£5000

- The Physical & Environmental Improvement Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at improving the local area through Capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is something of a physical nature including the acquisition, improvement or structural enhancement of an asset valued at £6,000 or more.

- The Youth Inclusion Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at working with Children and Young People. Applications should be for an activity (or activities) focused on including children & young people in activities, diverting young people from an existing undesirable activity or preventing them joining in with such activity. This should reflect a need that children and young people have been consulted on.

- The Small Grants Fund is for other applications that contribute towards achievement of the Dundee City Plan / Local Community Plan, usually up to £5,000, but there may be lower local restrictions on the amount. Therefore, it is important to check with the relevant Community Worker as listed on page 8 for any local restrictions or other requirements.

This application should address needs in one of the below Wards within which the Dundee Partnership supports activity. If an activity covers more than one Ward then an application is required for each Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is not for a city-wide activity, but a local activity that is to take place in more than one Ward.

TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR  
PROJECT WILL OPERATE

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU  
ARE APPLYING FOR

Coldside	Small Grant
East End	Physical & Environmental Improvement
Lochee	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
North East	
Strathmartine	<p>Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise. All communication for this application should be made to <a href="mailto:dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk">dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk</a></p>

## Checklist for the DP Community Regeneration Fund Application Form

Before submitting your application form to the Dundee Partnership Team, please use the below checklist to ensure that your form is as fully completed as possible. Please also note that submitting an incomplete form can cause delays in processing or rejection of your application.

### Have you:

Read the guidance sections of the form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available, (see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?

x

(multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered)

Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?

x

Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?

x

<b>Who is the grant for?</b> (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	North East CET		
<b>Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24?</b> (If yes, list all grants below)			<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Title of project funded</b>	<b>Amount granted</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Was it fully spent?</b>

**Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)**

This funding will allow partner agencies and community groups to draw down small amounts of funding to provide a rapid response to community members who are struggling due to the ongoing cost of living crisis throughout the winter months.

This grant will cover support resources for a number of different activities identified by partners and local groups as a supportive project that can

offer a warm space for people to come to in the event of needing support, or just to use less energy in their homes and spend less on food where possible.

These activities can include:

Cafes

Drop in activities

Supplies to enhance/ expand existing projects i.e. Teas and Coffees.

Increased opening hours/provision

Contributions towards rental costs.

Health and Wellbeing activities

Activities /resources to ensure dignified access to services.

Any additional services/support identified by partners.

This funding will allow reactionary short-term interventions to quickly offer support To people in the community depending on need. This could be support with clothing, bedding, cooking materials such as air fryers or slow cookers or providing a warm / safe place where activities and support can be provided.

The £5000 funding if approved by the North East CRF Forum would then be held by Dundee Partnership. A partner agency or community group would then complete a short application form which would be submitted to Natalie Mackland (Communities Officer) who would then assess the application on behalf of the CRF. If approved, the funds would be released by Dundee Partnership to the applying group / agency. They would then be able to provide support quickly to those who need it.

**Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address?**

**We need to take action on the cost of living and climate change**

The Open Doors initiatives were successful in the North East previously and providers have already contacted us re funding to run these drop ins again. The cost of living is still an issue were prices are higher than average and there has been another rise in the energy cap as we approach the winter months when energy will be used more as weather turns colder. We have also had members of the public call as a result of the

change in entitlement for the winter fuel allowance and asking for free activities and spaces that can be accessed over the autumn/winter months.

### **We need to improve life chances for children and families**

The North East Ward has a higher percentage of children living in poverty (36%) compared to Dundee average (31%) – SIMD 2020. As noted above, energy costs have risen and costs are still high. This puts pressure on families, especially already on tight budgets/fixed incomes. It is also approaching the festive period, which also puts an extra strain on to families. This funding can make sure that there is no barrier to participation by making sure there is no cost/low cost provision for people to access to reduce various costs for them in an already tight income.

How many people will benefit from this project?	Whole Community.
<p data-bbox="261 1010 1487 1050">Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)</p> <p data-bbox="261 1092 1487 1228">Open to all – There will be focus on vulnerable people in the North East However, as the cost of living is impacting more and more people in communities, it will not just be those in SIMD areas that will be affected in a ward. Feedback has suggested that people are already enquiring when open door spaces will be up and running again.</p>	

### **Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)**

We work with a number of projects across the ward who run community cafes and drop ins. These projects are seeing increasing numbers of people seeking support with a range of issues and a change in the demographic of people using the services. (people who are in work or on fixed incomes). We know from last year that this type of initiative is working for a number of reasons in addition to support and advice that it helped to reduce social isolation and general health and wellbeing.

The North East CET and Forum feel that we need to support these projects to do more and this funding will enable the cost of living working group (whose membership include representation of all the projects named above) to provide short term support quickly to react to the needs of the community during a particularly challenging time.

**What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?**

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Recent engagement with local organisations, feedback from partners indicates this additional support is required to meet emerging needs and want to be prepared before the colder nights start to come in. In addition to organisations, as previously mentioned, we have direct enquiries from members of the public in light of the change to entitlement for the winter fuel payment.

**What evidence do you hold that the local community supports this application?**

(For example, was it proposed by members of a particular group? Does it directly address need identified by community members?)

We have recently spoken with providers who have advised that this is still a priority for their projects, based on feedback and attendance from previous years and recent conversations with people.

Feedback from partner agencies including local community groups/agencies/School and family development workers who work directly with the community, who report that these interventions are needed.

It is part of the current local community plan review and when carrying out engagement with the local community, they feel that the cost of living is still a relevant priority. The Cost of Living Working group for the area is due to meet in the next few weeks as well.

**How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?**

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

This funding will allow us to provide short term support to try and mitigate the impact the cost of living crisis will have on people in the North East. This will not in itself tackle deprivation however, it will benefit those experiencing deprivation by providing immediate support.

We also note that more people within the community are being impacted by the Cost of Living crisis and more enquires from those out with SIMD areas in the Ward and from pensioners.

We know that the current rate of inflation although slowing down is still high, so opportunities for free activities/lunches/tea and coffees etc will help people to stretch limited income a bit further and reduce heating costs for a portion of the day by accessing open door/warm space activities.

**For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered:**





<b>What are the costs of your activity and how much money is required?</b> Please give specific details (expand list / use an additional sheet if required) and provide <u>all</u> quotes (good practice for applications for over £5,000 is to provide three quotes to ensure value for money is received, and we will require to see these where relevant).		
Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Food budget (includes food and equipment) see attached quotes	999.50	999.50
Activity costs	1442	1442
£30 Food vouchers for 10 families	300	300
Energy reduction home examples	2258.80	2258.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5000.30</b>	<b>5000.30</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All applicants are required to submit a copy of the group's most recent annual accounts with this application. These will be used to help determine eligibility for funding, and WITHOUT THEM AN APPLICATION WILL NOT PROCEED</b></li> <li><b>If reserves held are less than three months operating expenses please confirm this below</b></li> </ul> <p>Note that if you have already submitted your accounts within this financial year, further copies may not be needed - please check with the Dundee Partnership Team if unsure</p>
<p><b>What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application?</b> (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)</p> <p>Quotes for all the cost headings listed above</p>

<p><b>How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?</b></p> <p>Partners involved will be asked to monitor the project in terms of numbers that participated and evaluate the project by what method they feel is best. May be wider evaluation if an open-door plan at a DCC level is implemented again.</p>
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<b>What is the planned start date of the event/activity?</b> Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective ( <i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i> )	ASAP
<b>What is the planned end date of the event/activity?</b>	31 March 2025

## Outputs & Outcomes

It is expected that applicants will have evidence to support performance information when completing returns on the performance against target. Consideration of this should be given when outputs and outcomes are set out.

Applicants will usually refer to one [City Plan](#) / [Local Community Plan](#) Outcome, but the opportunity is given for up to two, if required. **Please refer to section 3 of the Guidance Notes** for examples of outputs and outcomes / indicators.

<b>City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: We need to take action on the cost of living and climate action.</b>	
<b>Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:</b>	
	<b>Target 2024-25</b>
Outputs	
Provide equipment for mobile warm space kits	4
Provide 30 families vouchers	30
Provide energy reduction equipment to 20 families	20
Provide costs for 2 community cafes	2
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Local people have accessible places they can attend with activities to provide dignified access to warm space for meal, drink and heat. Through discussion with partners and those attending.	

Reduce social isolation – Discussions with partners and those attending	
People can gain access to support they need. – Discussions with partners and those attending	

<b>City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:</b>	
<b>Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:</b>	
	<b>Target 2024-25</b>
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	